

Macon County Board from 1971 to 72. As Chairman, he commissioned and created the Macon County flag and seal and instituted their display in the county's courtrooms. He was a part of over twenty community organizations and committees, including the Lincoln Trails Council for Boy Scouts, Optimist Club, Elks Club, the Metro Decatur Chamber of Commerce, and the YMCA.

I am thankful for the many contributions Rex made to the Central Illinois community during his lifetime. He has made an impact on many people and will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Marilyn, and their family during this time.

THE HEARTS OF TEXAS ARE UPON US

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my neighbors in South Texas who continue to experience the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of those families for their lost loved ones and those who have been displaced by the storm. We stand with Texas this day and every day. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

The Hearts of Texas are upon us
All here to so remind us
All in our hearts to so find us
All in what we do in our time this
As their faith and hope,
and compassion come into view
Reminding us what is true
All in this land of that old Red, White, and,
Blue
For in this our country tis a thee
There has and will always be
Such men and women of great faith as these
Who bond together all in their darkest times
of need
Who built The West all in this creed
While, against all odds helping this Nation
to succeed
And that's what Texas has always been
agreed
So means to me
Neighbor helping neighbor continually
Who are color blind and can not see
Brothers and Sisters reaching out a hand in
their time of need
With smiles upon the faces in what their love
begins to breed
Built on the bedrock of God, Country, and
cherished Family
Shining throughout this day across our
country tis of thee
Teaching us what we need
Catching on from sea to sea
Like The Cajun Navy who they helped in the
midst of their tragedy
Showing us that giving is better than taking
As this giant heart we call Texas has so
awakened
With another heroic chapter written in their
history
Whether, remembering The Alamo,
in times of war Texas has always battled for
victory
And that's why everything is bigger in Texas
you see
As Hearts of Texas are upon you and me
So clearly on this day for the world to see
Teach your children about them and what a
real American can be

All in their most patriotic hearts which
bleed
Red, White, and Blue
For what is true
In Texas today you're watching some of
America's real Who's Who
As TEXAS STRONG comes into view
Yea, The Hearts of Texas are upon us
To teach us all and to so remind us
About faith and courage, and how not to be
discouraged and make it through
All in this wonderful nexus that we call
Texas True Of God, Family, and Coun-
try in all they do
And yes there will be many dark days ahead
For all those who have died and bled
With homes and lives ripped apart let it be
said
But in America,
Texas Faith and their pioneer spirit has al-
ways led
With their hearts to get through the storms
Take a knee now and say a prayer for them
all so very warm
And remember all the courage and faith and
humanity which will live on
And what the human spirit can accomplish
in hearts so worn
All in their most heroic Texan hue
All in their lessons they have taught to me
and you
Bringing our Nation together,
all in this beautiful song of Texas Strong
they do
Because, on this day we understand what is
True,
as The Hearts of Texas are upon us for all to
view.

HONORING ERNEST FREDERICK SCHOWENGERDT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ernest Frederick Schowengerdt. Mr. Schowengerdt, a World War II veteran, is celebrating his 95th birthday on September 2, 2017.

In 1944, Mr. Schowengerdt joined the Navy to become a pilot and serve his country during World War II. After his discharge in 1945 he continued his passion for flying and got his pilot's and aircraft mechanic's licenses at the Lambert Field Airport in St. Louis. He also continued helping at his family farm in Chamois, Missouri, until the Missouri River's flooding took its toll in 1958. Mr. Schowengerdt continued his career as a plant engineer for the Central Electric Power Plant and later as the Director of Plant Management for Lake Ozark General Hospital where he worked with the Missouri Hospital Association and Nuclear Energy Commission in disposing of hazardous and radioactive wastes.

Mr. Schowengerdt has had many life-long interests and passions. He has been involved in music for 76 years, playing numerous band instruments. Mr. Schowengerdt was also a passionate civil servant as he served 2 terms in the Chamois city council and four years as the Osage County Republican Committeeman. He helped organize the Rural Fire Department of Chamois, was the American Legion president, and was involved in many more boards and organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in wishing Mr. Ernie Schowengerdt a happy 95th

birthday, and thanking him for his lifetime of dedication to his family, community, and his country.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish the people of Taiwan and Americans celebrating Taiwan's National Day this October 10th a Happy Double Ten Day.

Over the past 40 years, this key partner in the Asia-Pacific has transformed itself into a high-tech, multiparty democracy which is a significant contributor to the global economy. This is chiefly due to the hard work of the 23.5 million people on Taiwan who value education, science, and progress, and whose young people are not only plugged into global cultural trends, but are also contributing to them. Taiwanese are also the third largest tourist group to Guam and a cornerstone of our island's economy.

Americans share these values, which is why we have also contributed to Taiwan's success not only through our support and friendship, but through the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, cornerstones of our relations with Taiwan. Our security relationship is an integral element of United States engagement in the Indo-Asia-Pacific and we must continue to work cooperatively together. The people of Guam, neighbors to Taiwan, understand and appreciate the need for strengthening alliances and partnerships in the region.

Two recent events have served to remind me of the imagination and drive of our two peoples—the end of our spectacular Cassini mission to Saturn, and the successful launch this summer of Taiwan's Formosat-5—the latter being the first Taiwan's first major indigenously-developed remote sensing satellite, which will be engaged in Earth observation for the next five years. We are expanding our knowledge of our small planet, our solar system, and the universe at large. Whatever the challenges this planet is presented with in future years, I am confident that our two, talented peoples, along with likeminded societies across the globe, will be able to meet them.

This is a day to celebrate, and to be optimistic. I ask my colleagues to join me in recommitting ourselves to the U.S.-Taiwan relationship, and in wishing Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day.

PAM O'TOOLE TRUSDALE

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent and friend Pam O'Toole Trusdale, on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the National Association of Trailer Manufacturers (NATM). Pam is a longtime resident of my district and lifelong Kansan, attending Parsons Senior High and Washburn University. She joined